(b) if not, the reasons therefor and Government's attitude to bringing out such a legislation?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) In consonance with its commitment to empower the women and as agreed to in principle, by most of the political parties in the meeting of leaders of parties/groups in Parliament on 22.12.99 chaired by the Prime Minister, the Government has already introduced the Constitution (Eighty-fifth Amendment) Bill, 1999, on 23.12.1999, seeking to provide that as nearly as one-third of the seats shall be reserved for women in the House of the People and Legislative Assemblies of States. The said Bill is pending for consideration and passing in Lok Sabha.

(b) Does not arise.

Delimitation of Constituencies

580. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state the formula, principle adopted and *modus operandi* finalised to implement the delimitation of constituencies of both Legislative Assemblies and Parliamentary Constituencies indicating proposed date from which the delimitation would come into actual operation, target set to complete various stages?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): The Delimitation Commission has undertaken the delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies in accordance with section 9(1) and other provisions of the Delimitation Act, 2002. The Delimitation Commission has informed that the principle adopted and *modus operandi* to implement the delimitation of constituencies are in conformity with articles 82, 170(3), 330 and 332 of the Constitution of India and the Delimitation Act, 2002. As regards the proposed date from which the delimitation would come into actual operation, the Delimitation Commission has informed that after completion of delimitation of each State, the Delimitation Commission shall issue a final order under section 10(1) of the Delimitation Act, 2002 in respect of each State. The said order shall take effect from such date as the President may by order specifty in terms of article 82 or article 170(3) of the Constitution. Section 10(6) provides that the Delimitation Commission shall endeavour to complete its work within two years of its constitution.